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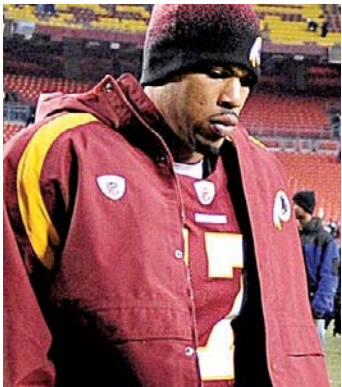
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Customs inspectors at Dulles International Airport say a man was detained after he tried to carry aboard a cooked chicken stuffed with more than \$4,000 worth of cocaine. A Customs and Border Protection spokesman says agents decided the fully cooked chicken that Wagner Aragon brought with him on a flight Saturday warranted closer inspection. Inside the chicken they found about 60 grams of powder cocaine. (AP)

“After several days of evaluation, I have decided to disband the First Church of Tiger Woods.”

— JOHN ZIEGLER, PASTOR, ON HIS DECISION TO DISSOLVE HIS TIGER WOODS-BASED RELIGION. TIGERWOODSISGOD.COM IS NOW DEDICATED TO THE DAMNATION OF THE STAR GOLFER.

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The Big Picture



MUSLIM WOMEN BROKE the world record for the most sky lanterns flown simultaneously on Saturday in Jakarta, Indonesia. At least 10,000 lanterns were released. “We don’t yet have the final number, because we are still checking on the numbers, but for sure it’s beaten the previous one,” said a Guinness World Records rep. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief

LOS ANGELES

Episcopalians Face New Battle Over Gay Bishops



Glasspool

The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles has elected a lesbian as assistant bishop, the second openly gay bishop in the global Anglican fellowship, which is already deeply fractured over the first. The Rev. Mary Glasspool of Baltimore needs approval from a majority of dioceses within the church before she can be consecrated. (AP)

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Execution Trial Planned

Condemned killer Kenneth Biros could become the first person in the country put to death with a single dose of an intravenous anesthetic instead of the usual three-drug process if his execution proceeds Tuesday. Proponents say the method ends arguments over unnecessary suffering during injection. (AP)

LEBANON, OHIO

Fire Kills Two Men, Horses

A fire ripped through a horse barn at a county fairgrounds Saturday in southwest Ohio, killing two men and 43 horses, authorities said. Investigators have ruled out criminal intent, but haven't determined what caused the fire. (AP)

Bin Laden's Movements Elusive

Obama advisers say U.S. lacks solid info on terrorist's location

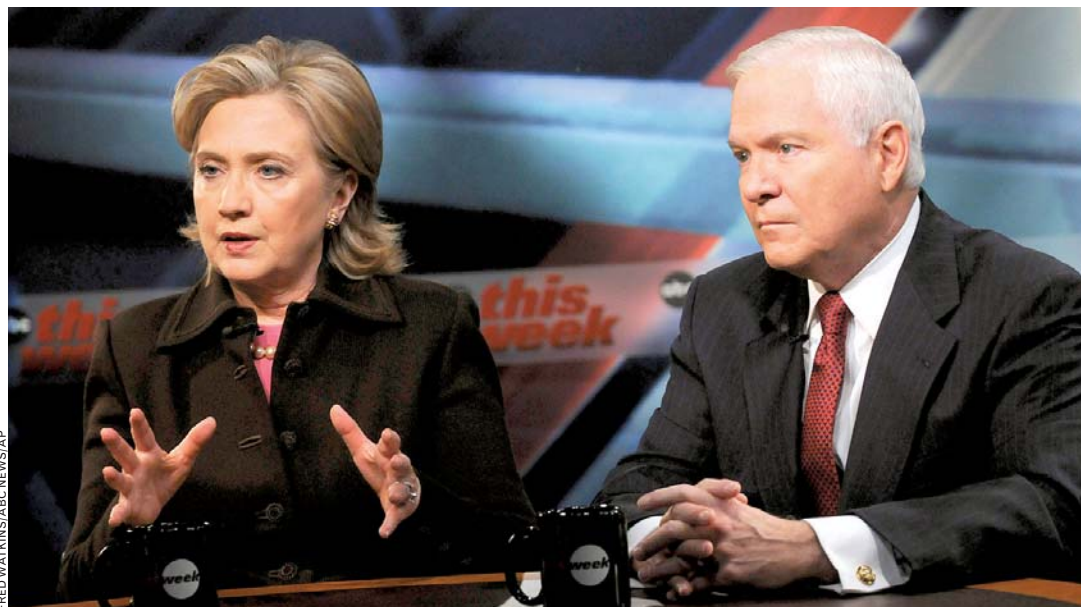
Washington

Osama bin Laden may be slipping back and forth from Pakistan to Afghanistan. Or the U.S. might not have a clue, more than eight years after the al-Qaeda leader masterminded the terrorist attacks on America.

Given a chance Sunday to clear away some of the mystery surrounding the whereabouts of the world's most wanted terrorist, Obama administration officials seemed to add to it with what appeared to be conflicting assessments.

President Obama's national security adviser, James Jones, said bin Laden, thought to be hiding mainly in a rugged area of western Pakistan, may be periodically slipping back into Afghanistan.

But Obama's Pentagon chief, Robert Gates, said the U.S. has lacked good intelligence on bin Laden for a long time — "I think



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates discuss foreign policy in an interview that aired Sunday.

it has been years" — and did not confirm that he'd slipped into Afghanistan.

The failed hunt for bin Laden has been one of the signature frustrations of the global war on terrorism that then-President George W. Bush launched after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The main explanation given by both the Bush and

Obama administrations for not getting bin Laden is that they simply don't know where he is.

"If we did, we'd go get him," Gates said.

Jones, a retired Marine general, stressed the urgency of targeting bin Laden and spoke of a renewed campaign to capture or kill him.

When asked on CNN's "State of the Union" whether the administration has reliable intelligence on bin Laden's whereabouts, Jones replied, "The best estimate is that he is somewhere in North Waziristan, sometimes on the Pakistani side of the border, sometimes on the Afghan side of the border."

ROBERT BURNS (AP)



FOOD FIGHTS

A 25-year-old man in Port St. Lucie, Fla., was arrested for allegedly rubbing a hamburger on his wife's face during an argument. Police said Daniel Boss and his wife got into an argument Thursday night and called each other names. At some point, the woman apparently poured soda on Boss' hamburger. He allegedly grabbed the sandwich, rubbed it in her face and started throwing food. Boss left, but his wife went to the police station to report the incident. (AP)

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Obama Makes His Case

President asks Dems to unite as health bill enters crucial period

Washington

President Obama appealed directly to senators' desire for history-making change and their short-term political fears Sunday in urging them to unite and overhaul the nation's health care system.

At the request of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., Obama made a trip to the Capitol during a rare weekend legislative session to ask rank-and-file Democrats to work for compromise and do it quickly. Vice President Joe Biden joined Obama for the closed-door meeting.

Greeted by applause, Obama spoke for 45 minutes and took no questions, according to several lawmakers. He highlighted the progress he said his administration has made on jobs and focused on the implications for remaking a health care system that represents one-sixth of the economy.



President Obama leaves a meeting with the Senate Democratic caucus on Sunday.

"There are still a few things we have to work out."

— HARRY REID, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, BRIEFING THE PRESS ON THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS OVER A HEALTH CARE BILL THAT IS UP FOR DEBATE IN THE SENATE.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., said Obama described the health care bill as the "most significant social legislation in decades, so don't lose it."

With midterm congressional elections looming next year, Democrats are determined to revamp health care, achieving a long-sought goal that has proven elusive for decades.

"In short, [Obama] pledged to work with us in any meaningful way that he can. There are still a few things we have to work out in the bill, but issues are being narrowed as we speak," Reid told reporters after the meeting.

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR (AP)

NASA's New Space Telescope to Map the Cosmos

Los Angeles

NASA's latest space telescope will scan the sky in search of never-before-seen asteroids, comets, stars and galaxies, with one of its main tasks to catalog objects posing a danger to Earth.

The sky-mapping WISE, or Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer, is scheduled to launch no earlier than Friday from Vandenberg Air Force Base on the central California coast aboard a Delta 2 rocket.



NASA's WISE space telescope is scheduled to launch no earlier than Friday.

If all goes as planned, WISE will orbit about 325 miles above the Earth and produce the most detailed map yet of the cosmos.

The mission is expected to find millions of hard-to-see objects, said principal investigator Edward Wright of the University of California, Los Angeles. "It's really a mission to survey everything that's out there," Wright said.

Scientists estimate it will take six months for WISE to peruse the entire sky. ALICIA CHANG (AP)

DISCOVERIES

Some children become severely obese because they lack chunks of DNA, which kicks their hunger into overdrive, researchers report. The British researchers checked the DNA of 300 children who'd become very overweight and found evidence of several rare DNA deletions. One particular deletion, on chromosome 16, apparently causes trouble because it removes a gene that the brain needs to respond to the appetite-controlling hormone leptin. (AP)





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Seasonal Jobs Coveted

Retailers see surge in applications from laid-off professionals

Employment

Mara Proctor used to design limestone hearths and columns for luxury homes near Kansas City, Mo., drawing on her college education and six years of training. These days, she's leading customers around a store that sells sculptured snowmen. It isn't by choice. Until a few weeks ago, Proctor was among the record 5.9 million Americans who have been jobless for at least six months. Now she belongs to a subset of that group: Out-of-work professionals and managers, engineers and teachers who have turned, in desperation, to holiday-season jobs as sales clerks. Retailers report a surge in applications this year from profession-



Mara Proctor arranges merchandise at Sticks boutique in Kansas City, Mo.

als who had never applied for such jobs before. "You'll find Wall Street stock brokers and small business owners trying to find temporary retail jobs during the holidays," said Ellen Davis, vice president of the National Retail Federation. The pay is low, the jobs tempo-

rary. And the work is hardly equal to their experience or expertise. Yet the nation's unemployment crisis left these people jobless so much longer than they'd expected that many count themselves fortunate to have anything. In a bleak labor market, holiday-season hiring has meant at least a respite for many long-term unemployed. Not that it's easy to land even these jobs. Most retailers have cut back. And overall in the economy, six applicants, on average, are competing for each opening — compared with just 1.7 workers per opening when the recession began in December 2007. For the stores, though, the availability of clerks with experience managing or working effectively with co-workers is a luxury. "It enables us to be somewhat more selective and hire a higher-caliber" clerk, said Glenn Album, vice president of human resources at Toys R Us. (AP)

\$50 **The price, per pound,** for a 15-year-old cheddar cheese on sale in Wisconsin. Hook's Sharp Cheddar, produced in 1994, went up for sale in a handful of outlets Friday and has proven popular despite its hefty price. It is likely the oldest cheese on sale in the U.S. (AP)

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Bolivian President Evo Morales waves as he arrives to cast his vote on Sunday.

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

Polls: Morales Wins Vote

President Evo Morales appeared headed to easy re-election Sunday, with a mandate for further revolutionary change on behalf of Bolivia's long-suppressed indigenous majority. Exit polls by two polling firms said Bolivia's first indigenous leader won at least 62 percent of the vote, with the closest challenger, ex-state governor and military officer Manfred Reyes, winning about 23 percent. (AP)

CONAKRY, GUINEA

Regional Bloc Urges Return to Civilian Rule

A regional African bloc on Sunday called for Guinea to return to civilian rule as the junta's No. 2 took control of the country after an assassination attempt on military leader Capt. Moussa "Dadis" Camara. He was airlifted Friday to Morocco where he received surgery for trauma to the cranium, said Morocco's chief military doctor. (AP)

SHARIFF AGUAK, PHILIPPINES

Troops Arrest 62 People After Political Massacre

Philippine troops arrested 62 people and discovered another weapons cache Sunday after martial law was imposed in a southern province following the country's worst political massacre. Thousands of troops, backed by tanks and warplanes, have taken control of Maguindanao province in a government crackdown on the Ampatuan clan, accused in the Nov. 23 killing of 57 people traveling in a convoy of a political rival. (AP)

Iran Freezes Web on Eve of Rally

Internet restrictions come before planned opposition protests

Tehran, Iran

Government opponents shouted "Allahu Akbar" and "Death to the dictator" from Tehran's rooftops in the pouring rain on the eve of student demonstrations planned for Monday. Authorities choked off Internet access and warned journalists working for foreign media to stick to their offices for the next three days.

The measures were aimed at depriving the opposition of its key

means of mobilizing the masses as Iran's clerical rulers keep a tight lid on dissent. Government opponents are seeking, nonetheless, to get large numbers of demonstrators to turn out and show their movement still has momentum.

Opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi threw his support behind the student demonstrations and declared that his movement was still alive. A statement posted on his Web site said the clerical establishment was losing legitimacy in the Iranian people's minds.

"A great nation would not stay silent when some confiscate its vote," said Mousavi, who claims President Mahmoud Ahmadine-

Media Matters

Iran has made work increasingly difficult for reporters.

► Besides suspending foreign journalists' accreditation to report from the streets from Monday to Wednesday, Iran's Culture Ministry also warned the few remaining pro-reform newspapers not to publish "divisive" material, the official IRNA news agency reported.

► Paris-based Reporters Without Borders said Saturday that 28 journalists and bloggers are currently being held in Iran—including two arrested last week. (AP)

jad stole the June 12 election victory from him by fraud.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say on all state matters, accused the opposition Sunday of exposing divisions in the country and creating opportunities for Iran's enemies.

For some periods on Sunday, Web access in Tehran was completely shut down—a tactic that was also used before last month's demonstration.

The government has not publicly acknowledged it is behind the outages, but Iran's Internet service providers say the problem is not on their end and is not a technical glitch. ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)

Greek Protests Turns Violent



A PROTESTER KNEELS in front of a riot police officer during a demonstration in Athens on Sunday. Protesters and police officers clashed in Athens and in other cities during rallies that marked the first anniversary of the police shooting of a teenager. The death of 15-year-old Alexandros Grigoropoulos triggered two weeks of youth riots there last December.

Iraq Clears Way For Jan. Vote

Baghdad, Iraq

Iraqi lawmakers approved plans Sunday to hold parliament elections early next year that are seen as an important step toward political reconciliation and easing the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

The vote—during an emergency session convened just before a midnight deadline—followed marathon talks by political leaders to break an impasse over balloting provisions that would satisfy the nation's rival groups.

"I would like to congratulate the Iraqi people for this historical victory," said Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, who had held up the elections for weeks with a veto.

A failure to pass new elections rules on Sunday would have forced Iraq to revert to those used in its last parliament election in 2005 and likely throw the political process into a tailspin. (AP)

MYSTERIES

The truth—and the UFOs—may be out there, but nobody in the British military is listening anymore.

The Defense Ministry has quietly shut down its UFO hotline as a cost-cutting measure and will no longer investigate sightings. Last week's closing of the ministry's hotline and its e-mail account, and its statement that it "will no longer respond to reported UFO sightings or investigate them," angered many Britons who believe such research is vital. (AP)



MUKHTAR KHAN/AP

A Kashmiri farmer walks past unmarked graves in Bimyar, India. The area is coping with the discovery of 2,400 nameless corpses.

Graveyards Haunt India

Discovery of burial fields stirs memories of Kashmir militancy

Bimyar, India

He left home on a rainy Wednesday morning, walking through the gate of his solid middle-class house and into the narrow streets of Srinagar, Kashmir's largest city. He needed to pick up some medicine for his elderly father.

It was 1996. Ali Mohammad Mir was 40 years old, a gentle-spoken building contractor and a father of three. In a lush Himalayan valley savaged by cycles of guerrilla attacks and government crack-downs, he was utterly apolitical. His family never saw him again.

This mountain village about 60 miles away is where Mir may have ended up, surrounded by the graves of hundreds of other unidentified men. Or perhaps he's in the cluster of unmarked graves in the forests of Parra-Gagarhill or among

"There is no place in Kashmir where innocent blood has not been spilled."

— ZAREEF AHMED ZAREEF,
KASHMIRI POET

the bodies buried in a cow pasture in the village of Kichama.

"He is out there somewhere," said Mir's son, Zahoor Ahmad Mir. He believes his father was killed by a militia tied to the Indian army.

"They killed him, and they threw him aside."

Dozens of these anonymous burial fields have been identified by human rights workers over the past 18 months, graveyards where Indian security forces dumped nearly 2,400 nameless corpses.

In a region struggling to emerge from two decades of violence that have left 68,000 people dead, the graveyards have deeply shaken Kashmir, digging up memories of the estimated 8,000 people who disappeared at the height of the militancy. Days of rioting broke out after rights workers released the first list of burial fields.

Who were the dead? Rights workers say most were innocent civilians who fell into the maw of the security forces. **TIM SULLIVAN (AP)**

Both Candidates Claim Victory in Romanian Vote

Bucharest, Romania

Both candidates claimed victory in Romania's presidential run-off Sunday, leaving the outcome uncertain in an election Romanians hope can pull the country out of its worst political and economic crisis in 20 years.

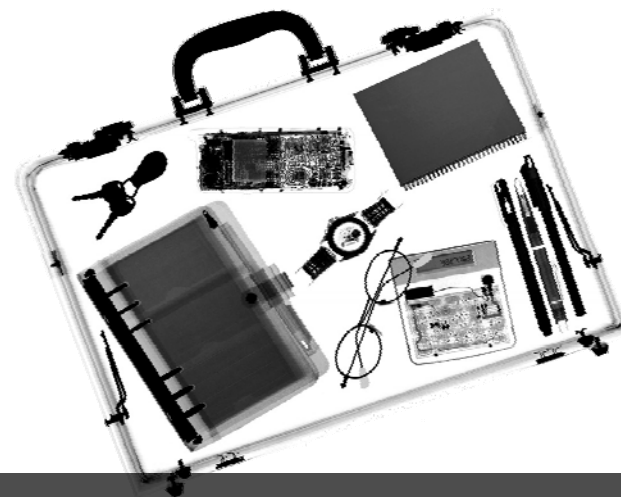
Three exit polls showed the country's left-leaning ex-foreign minister Mircea Geoana leading incumbent Traian Basescu by a slim margin following a bitter race marked by allegations of corruption.

Geoana, an ex-foreign minister and leader of the Social Democrats

who has branded himself a unifier and team builder, declared himself the winner, calling the results of the exit polls "a victory for ... all citizens who want a better life."

But Basescu claimed the exit polls were deceptive.

The first official vote tallies were expected Monday. **(AP)**



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World

Russia Probes Deadly Club Blaze

Four people remain jailed after massive fire killed at least 112

Perm, Russia

Four people were ordered to remain in jail on Sunday pending an investigation into a nightclub fire that killed at least 112 people in Russia's worst blaze in decades, investigators said.

About 130 remained hospitalized, many in critical condition, with injuries from the early Saturday blaze, which witnesses said was sparked by onstage fireworks that shot into the decorative twig ceiling of the Lane Horse club in



A Russian military cadet stands in front of the club where a fire killed 112.

the Ural Mountains industrial city of Perm. Shocked and grieving relatives on Sunday began to bury the

victims of the disaster.

The federal Investigative Committee said the suspects — the club's owner, the executive director, the artistic director and a businessman hired to install pyrotechnics on the night of the blaze — were ordered taken into custody Sunday by Leninsky District Court.

The committee's Web site said they were suspected of negligence causing multiple deaths and violating fire safety rules causing multiple deaths.

Mourning residents were indignant over the alleged negligence, which President Dmitry Medvedev also criticized in a nationally televised videoconference on Saturday. **MANSUR MIROVALEV (AP)**

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Climate for Change?

Summit is a crucial chance to break stalemate on global warming

Copenhagen, Denmark

For 20 years, as this crowded planet grew warmer, nations have gathered annually to try to do something about it. History now brings them to this chilly northern capital and to a crossroads.

The world looks to Copenhagen "to witness what I believe will be an historic turning point in the fight against climate change," says Yvo de Boer, United Nations organizer of the two weeks of talks opening Monday.

It may witness, instead, history put on hold. The change in U.S. administrations a year ago had aroused hopes the long-running climate talks might finally produce an all-encompassing package in 2009 to combat global warming

and help its victims.

Too little time and too little agreement, however, especially between rich and poor countries, mean the 192-nation Copenhagen conference is likely to produce, at best, a framework — a basis for continuing talks and signing internationally binding final agreements next year.

Two key building blocks for that framework may take shape here: setting targets for controlling emissions of carbon dioxide and other global-warming gases, including by the leading contributors, China and the United States; and agreeing on how much rich countries should pay for poor nations' clean energy technology and for seawalls, irrigation and other projects to counter a

changing climate.

Underlining Copenhagen's importance, at least 100 national leaders, led by President Obama, will converge on the Danish capital to offer high-level backing to the talks.

Slow progress has marked climate talks since the 1992 Rio treaty that called for voluntary controls on greenhouse gases. And while diplomatic efforts have inched along, climate change hasn't waited.

The rise in global temperatures, expansion of oceans from melting glaciers, and a surge of 29 percent in carbon dioxide in emissions since 2000 have scientists fearing that the world will fall deeper into a time of climate disruption, unusual droughts and

powerful storms, species die-offs, spreading tropical diseases, coastal flooding and other, unpredictable consequences.

An analysis by European research organizations found the industrialized nations' targets together amount to only 8 to 12 percent below 1990 levels, far short of what scientists urge. De Boer hopes the Americans and others will up the ante once the talks start.

"The first thing I hope for is a good conversation among industrialized countries about how they can increase their level of ambitions if they are sure others are pulling their weight as well," the Dutch diplomat told reporters last week. **CHARLES J. HANLEY AND JAN M. OLSEN (AP)**



A sculpture about climate change by Mona Hatoum is seen in London.

Burning Questions

1 Why is this meeting happening?

Since reaching an agreement in Brazil in 1992, delegations from 192 nations have met each year to discuss the fight against global warming. The most important previous meeting occurred in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997, when a treaty ordered cuts in carbon dioxide and other global warming gases from 37 industrialized nations. The U.S. never ratified that pact.

2 What is expected to be accomplished?

Copenhagen is expected, at best, to reach political agreements on key elements in the debate, likely advancing talks into next year. The hope is a binding treaty could be signed then. Industrialized nations, including the U.S., are expected to cut emissions between 2012 and 2020. Developing nations also are expected to rein in the use of fossil fuels and slow the growth in their emissions.

3 What would a pact do to stop global warming?

Probably not much. Experts say the emissions reductions pledged in recent days would fall far short of what's needed to keep temperatures from rising to dangerous levels. That benchmark is anything more than 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit above temperatures before the Industrial Revolution, when man started widespread use of coal and other fossil fuels. **(AP)**

HOPE FOR A BREAKTHROUGH

A study released by the U.N. Environment Program Sunday indicated that pledges by industrial countries and emerging nations fall just short of the reductions of greenhouse gas emissions that scientists have called for — and the gap is narrower than previously believed. "For those who claim a deal in Copenhagen is impossible, they are simply wrong," said UNEP director Achim Steiner, left. UNEP said all countries together should emit no more than 44 billion tons of carbon dioxide by 2020 to avoid the worst consequences of a warming world. Computing all commitments publicly announced, the report said emissions will total about 46 billion tons in 2020. "We are within a few gigatons of having a deal," Steiner said. **(AP)**



Local

Fire Ruins Historic Md. Theater

1950s-era building had been converted to clothing, shoe store

Takoma Park, Md.

A three-alarm fire broke out at about 2:30 Saturday morning in Montgomery County, destroying a historic movie theater that had been converted to a shoe and clothing store.

New Hampshire Avenue was closed Saturday morning south of University Boulevard, snarling traffic in the area.

The 1950s-era Allen Theater at 6822 New Hampshire Ave. was



A three-alarm fire destroyed the Allen Theater on New Hampshire Avenue Saturday.

destroyed, Graham said.

About 120 firefighters from Prince George's County and Montgomery County fire departments battled the blaze. It was declared under control by 5:45 a.m., Graham said, but mid-morning Saturday, hot spots were still smoldering beneath the fallen roof, and 45 Montgomery firefighters remained on the scene.

Neighboring buildings were not damaged in the fire. One firefighter sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

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EMMA BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Tysons Corner Provides Traffic Monitors at Mall

McLean, Va.

Shoppers at a major Washington-area shopping mall can now check out how traffic is moving before they head home.

The Virginia Department of Transportation spent \$400,000 on five screens placed throughout Tysons Corner Center that show traffic conditions. Officials say it will help shoppers make informed decisions. The addition of new lanes on the Capital Beltway and the extension of Metro to Dulles International Airport are causing major delays in the area. (AP)

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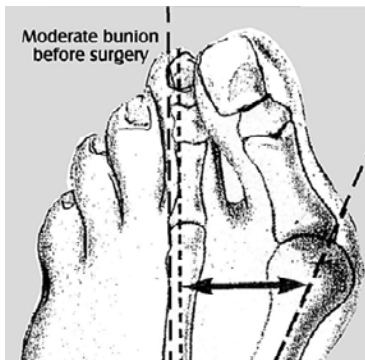
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Tysons Bullpen is a private facility in which baseball and softball teams practice.

Tysons Bullpen Is A Community Hit

Underground facility serves as an outreach project for local mall

McLean, Va.

For almost two decades, a deserted basement-level movie theater in Tysons Corner Center has mostly collected dust as a storage facility.

Macerich, the company that owns the mall, didn't know what else to do with former screening rooms with 20-foot-high ceilings and sloping floors designed for auditorium-style seating.

But when Macerich executive Timothy Steffan visited the old theater early last year, he had a revelation: It was the perfect setting for a baseball bullpen.

"It made a lot of sense," said Steffan, a former college baseball player. "I said, 'Listen we can't make money off it, [but] it's a creative way to look at space in order to

give back to the community.'"

The Tysons Bullpen opened in March in a portion of one of the old auditoriums.

"We can't make money off it, [but] it's a creative way to ... give back."

—TIMOTHY STEFFAN, MACERICH EXEC

It serves as a sort of community outreach project for the mall, which has donated the space to a nearby high school and Little League teams in McLean, Vienna and Great Falls, Va.

McLean Little League coach Rick Lewis uses the facility to strengthen his players' skills during the off-season.

"This is fantastic for wintertime," he said. "Every space you have like this gives kids an opportunity to work on their game. It's very high-quality."

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The End Is Here?

1 No need to wait until 2012 for the apocalypse — just see Lady Gaga in concert. Her upcoming show, she tells the Times of London in a baffling profile published on Sunday, will do no less than chart history from primordial soup (in which Gaga will be dressed as a cell) to the end of time, which is apparently now. “The fact that we’re surrounded by cement and we’ve already killed everything means the apocalypse has happened,” Gaga says.



3 “I came down from my hotel room, and I could see the Russian Embassy.”

— FORMER ALASKA GOV. SARAH PALIN jokes during the Gridiron Club's winter dinner on Saturday in Washington. Palin was one of two keynote speakers at the event — the other was Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. — for which the club lifted its “off the record” rule and allowed tweeting. CNN's John King live-tweeted more zingers from the event at Twitter.com/johnkingcnn.



There's an App For That, Too

4 Picture yourself at a symphony. The musicians take the stage — and pull out their iPhones? No need for a refund; the Stanford Mobile Phone Orchestra is using mobiles to make music, not phone calls, the New York Times reported. A video on Nytimes.com sheds light on how the university-run orchestra transforms iPhones into virtual drums and marimbas.

Say ‘Cheese,’ Again and Again

2 You might be sick of seeing Tareq and Michael Salahi, but the cast of “Saturday Night Live” isn't. The White House gate-crashers were parodied in Saturday night's opening sketch, posted at NBC.com, as the duo posed for pictures behind a speech-delivering President Obama. How did the Secret Service handle the situation? Let's just say these guys know how to work the camera.

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Personal Finance

Reasons for Hesitation

Applying for a store card should never be an impulse decision

Holiday Shopping

The offer could tempt anyone buying holiday gifts: Open a store credit card and save 20 percent on your purchase.

The smiling sales clerk makes it sound like a no-brainer and explains there are absolutely no fees. What won't be so eagerly volunteered is the high interest rate, or the impact applying can have on your credit score.

There are times when it makes sense to open a store card. Just be sure you know the pitfalls.

The Risks

The first sign you should say no, thanks: You're weighing the decision at the counter or after stumbling across an offer online to "Apply Now!" Opening any line of credit comes with repercussions, and it's not a decision you should make on a whim.

One factor to take into account is whether you're prone to carrying a balance. Store credit cards often come with high interest rates, so



Store credit cards can bring big savings for shoppers but also hefty interest rates.

any discount you get up front could quickly be erased if you let the payments lag.

The Credit Score Impact

Applications for new credit can lower your credit score. This is especially true if you open several cards in a short span of time.

It should be noted that a store card may not impact your credit score as much as a bank card. This is partly because store cards are more limited in where and how they can be used.

The exact impact of a store card also depends on your his-

tory. Those who are just starting out, for instance, would be more affected by opening a card than those with more established credit profiles.

The Rewards

Retailers offer a variety of deals for store cardholders, usually in the form of discounts on purchases.

Store cards can work to your advantage if you're a regular shopper. If you ultimately decide it's worth opening an account, take advantage of the initial discount by signing up when you make a big purchase. **CANDICE CHOI (AP)**

DISCUSSIONS

Estate Plans

Here are some essential priorities to focus on when developing an estate plan for your family:

Start Your Plan Now.

Many people think of an estate plan as something for when you're elderly or on your deathbed. But everyone needs one. An estate plan is a way to manage and protect your assets while you are alive, and to conserve and control their distribution after your death. The end of the year provides an ideal time to finally get into gear on a

task that typically languishes on the bottom of to-do lists.

Update Your Beneficiaries.

Check to see that your beneficiary designations are correct on your company pension plan, life insurance policy, 401(k), IRA or other retirement accounts. Failing to update them is perhaps the most common error in estate planning.

Name a Guardian for Your Kids.

The hardest decision for many couples is naming a guardian for their minor children — his parents, her parents, a sibling, friends? It's a weighty request to make of any loved one, and not being chosen could cause hurt feelings, too. So, frequently, couples

do nothing. Don't dodge a decision with such important consequences.

Prepare or Update Your Will.

A will directs the distribution of your assets after you die. If you have children, don't make the common mistake of assuming they will work things out. More likely, lawyers will. Hiring a lawyer to write your will may help avoid a much costlier process.

Make Documents Available.

Make sure all important documents are readily available along with contact information for attorneys and advisers. Consider compiling a notebook that details bank accounts, IRAs, insurance policies and the like. Then let your executor(s) know. **(AP)**

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For the Redskins, 'It Feels Awful'

A chance for a major upset ends in team's most painful defeat

 **33** | **30** 

Saints	0	17	3	10	3
Redskins	10	7	10	3	0

The Washington Redskins have found many ways to lose this season. On Sunday, they might have found their most excruciating. Despite leading by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter, the Redskins lost to the New Orleans Saints 33-30 in overtime Sunday at FedEx Field. The Redskins have now lost their past three games by a total of seven points, and the Saints escaped Washington with their perfect record — now at 12-0 — still intact.

At the center of the defeat was place kicker Shaun Suisham. With first and goal at the four-yard line late in the fourth quarter, Washington went conservative, running three-straight times to grind out the clock and force New Orleans to use all of its timeouts. Suisham lined up for a 23-yard field goal. Amazingly, however, he missed, keeping the game a seven-point margin and giving New Orleans the ball at the 20 with 1:52 to play. "It wasn't good," Redskins coach Jim Zorn said. "I thought the snap was a little high. I thought Hunter [Smith] did a good job getting the ball down. ... I'm sure [Suisham] feels terrible. It was unfortunate, no question." Five plays and 33 seconds later, Drew Brees found Meachem for a



The Saints celebrate after Redskins kicker Shaun Suisham missed a chip-shot field goal with less than two minutes remaining Sunday. The miss set up the Saints' rally.



BEST CALL: Tied in the second quarter, the Redskins capped off an all-passing drive with a clever play in the flat to Devin Thomas, who then found the end zone. **WORST CALL:** In the third, Drew Brees completed a 15-yard pass to Devery Henderson to set up a field goal. Zorn did not challenge what the replay showed was a dropped ball. **BEST ADJUSTMENT:** The Redskins used pitch plays to spark the run attack — a move that caught the Saints completely off-guard.

B A valiant effort against a superb team, but not enough for an upset.



Redskins wide receiver Devin Thomas scores one of his two touchdowns on Sunday.

53-yard touchdown. The Redskins won the coin toss to start with the ball in overtime, but Mike Sellers fumbled a short pass from Jason Campbell just two minutes into the extra session. Many fans began filing out of the stadium as the Saints' offense took the field starting on the Redskins' 37-yard line. It took New Orleans eight plays to inch its way down to the goal line. With 8:40 remaining, the Saints faced second-and-goal from the one-yard line. They trotted out place kicker Garrett Hartley, who hit the winning 18-yard field goal. "It was a great game," Zorn said. "It just feels awful to stand up here and be the losing head coach again." JASON REID (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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YARDS

**55**

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YARDS

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Sunday's Stars
Devin Thomas
had a career game, with 7 receptions, 100 yards and two touchdowns.



Robert Meachem
torched the Redskins for 142 yards and a touchdown on only eight catches.



For Vick, Many Happy Returns



When Michael Vick finally returned to the end zone, a place he hadn't visited in more than three years, he was torn about what to do.

A Lambeau Leap? Nah, that would've taken too much effort.

Instead, he tried to reward a fan who cheered his return to Atlanta. Only one problem — when he flipped the ball to the stands, it got caught up in the extra point net.

Not to worry. Everything else went right for Vick and the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Back in the city he once ruled, Vick posted a pair of touchdowns — one running, the other passing,



Eagles QB Michael Vick scored two touchdowns in his return to Atlanta on Sunday.

both of them his first since 2006 — and basked in the cheers of the Georgia Dome crowd as the Eagles dominated the Falcons 34-7.

"Everybody rallied around him," Eagles coach Andy Reid said of Vick, "I'm sure he had a little extra juice going."

With the win, the Eagles (8-4) pulled two games ahead of the reeling Falcons (6-6) in the NFC wild-card standings.

Vick, who teared up on the bus ride to the stadium, said of the crowd, "It was as loud as it gets in the Dome. I heard the chants all through the stadium, and it sent chills down my spine. They were just letting me know that people still appreciate what I've done."

PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)

Colts Stampede Red-Hot Titans, Improve to 12-0

Pro Football

Peyton Manning changed the script for victory No. 21, but the result remained unchanged.

Instead of another patented comeback or another 300-yard day, the three-time MVP took control early and played keep-away from Tennessee, leading the Colts to a 27-17 victory, and tying the NFL record with their 21st-consecutive regular-season win.

With the win, Indianapolis (12-0) posted its seventh-consecutive 12-win season. Meanwhile, Tennessee (5-7) had its five-game winning streak snapped, crushing its already dim playoff hopes. (AP)

Sunday Recap

WEEK 13

Top Dogs



Jason Campbell, QB, Redskins

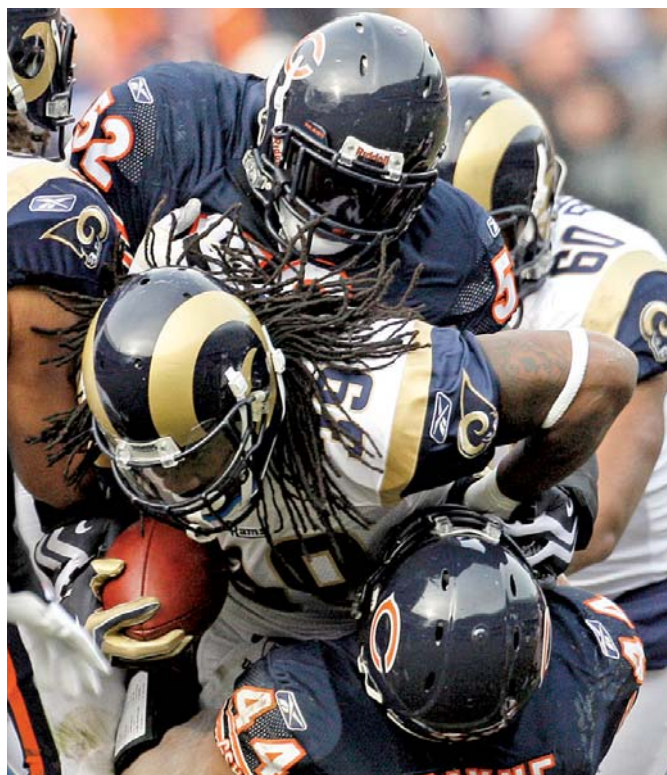
Campbell was magnificent in almost handing the Saints their first loss. The Redskins quarterback went 30-42 for a career-high 367 yards and three scores. He hooked up with second-year wide receiver Devin Thomas for two touchdowns in the loss.



Louis Murphy, WR, Raiders

Murphy caught just four balls for 128 yards, but two were especially memorable. The first was a 75-yard touchdown catch. On the other, Murphy caught an 11-yard touchdown with just nine seconds left to beat the Steelers.

Bears Batter the Rams



St. Louis Rams running back Steven Jackson is stopped by Chicago Bears linebacker Jamar Williams and safety Kevin Payne Sunday. Jackson gained 112 yards, and the Bears kept the Rams out of the end zone in a 17-9 win.

Scoreboard

Saints 33, Redskins 30 (OT)

Seahawks 20, 49ers 17

Panthers 16, Buccaneers 6

Bears 17, Rams 9

Raiders 27, Steelers 24

Bengals 23, Lions 13

Colts 27, Titans 17

Jaguars 23, Texans 18

Broncos 44, Chiefs 13

Dolphins 22, Patriots 11

Giants 31, Cowboys 24

Chargers 30, Browns 23

Late game results: washingtonpost.com

Hearsay

"It's pretty simple: If you drop the ball on offense and throw the ball to them ... you're not going to do very well."

— CHIEFS COACH TODD HALEY, on his team's 44-13 loss to Denver.

Plays of the Day

Sheldon Brown, CB, Eagles Brown stepped in front of a pass by Falcons QB Chris Redman and returned it 83 yards.

◀ **Sam Aiken, WR, Patriots** The unheralded Aiken out-jumped the Dolphins' Sean Smith for an 81-yard bomb.

Calvin Johnson, WR, Lions Johnson beat two Bengals defenders on a post pattern for a 54-yard touchdown.

Robert Meachem, WR, Saints Meachem tied the game late in the fourth with a 53-yard TD catch versus the Redskins.

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THE NUMBER OF rushing yards Cedric Benson had Sunday, making him the third Bengals tailback in as many weeks to eclipse 100 yards, joining Bernard Scott and Larry Johnson.

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Sports



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Nick Saban led Alabama to the SEC title in his third year coaching at the school.

Tide Grabs Top Spot,
Rolls Into Title Game

College Football

Alabama will head into the post-
season as the No. 1 team in the AP
Top 25 for the first time since 1973,
while Texas jumped up to No. 2.

The Crimson Tide claimed the
top spot in the media poll and
locked up a spot in the BCS nation-
al championship game in over-
whelming fashion, receiving 58
first-place votes after its emphatic
32-13 victory against previous-
ly No. 1 Florida in the Southeast-
ern Conference title game.

The last time Alabama went
into a postseason game No. 1, the
Tide lost the Sugar Bowl 24-23 to
Notre Dame.

Texas all but assured itself of

BCS Matchups

The BCS pairings were announced
after Express' deadline on Sunday.
For a complete list of this year's
college football bowl games, see |
Today's Sports

The Washington Post

meeting Alabama in the title game
by moving up one spot to No. 2 and
receiving two first-place votes after
squeaking past Nebraska 13-12
in the Big 12 title game Saturday
night. TCU is No. 3, followed by
Cincinnati, Florida and unbeaten
Boise State.

USC fell out of the rankings for
the first time in 130 consecutive
polls after falling to Arizona. (AP)

UVa. Pursuing
Spiders Coach

College Football

The agent for Richmond football
coach Mike London says Virginia
wants to speak with his client about
its vacant coaching job.

Agent Dennis Cordell says Vir-
ginia called Richmond officials on
Sunday, less than 12 hours after the
Spiders' defense of their national
championship ended in a dramatic
playoff loss.

Appalachian State beat the Spi-
ders 35-31 on Saturday night in
the quarterfinals on a late touch-
down pass.

Western Kentucky, Akron and
Memphis are also reported to be
interested in London. (AP)

TV Lineup

NFL (8:30 P.M., ESPN) Ray Lewis and
the Baltimore Ravens fight to keep
their playoff hopes alive against the
red-hot Green Bay Packers.

CAPS (7:30 P.M., CSN) The Caps eye
their sixth-consecutive win as they
take on the Tampa Bay Lightning.

NHL (7 P.M., VERSUS) Martin Bro-
deur and the New Jersey Devils travel
to Buffalo to battle the Sabres.

WOMEN'S HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2)
Florida tips off against Rutgers in the
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Baby on Board
Amy Adams and her fiancé are expecting their first child **35**

Booze Clues

Ready for Takeoff

We'd tell you to go to the Passenger (1021 7th St. NW) even if it wasn't having a happy hour. The recently opened Mount Vernon Square bar, which hopes to walk the line between cocktail-hour sophistication and dive-

neighborhood friendliness, has a small but well-chosen wine list and a healthy dose of local pride: Its slogan is "God Save the District," and its logo incorporates elements of the D.C. flag.



By Fiona Zublin

Owners/brothers Derek and Tom Brown are local bartending luminaries who made names for themselves at the Gibson and Cork, respectively. Every Monday from 5 to 7:30 p.m., they'll throw a happy hour to support a different charity. This week, 10 percent of the night's proceeds will go to Friends of the Congo. What's in it for you (besides being a good person)? Beer, wine and punch for \$5 a pop. Want to throw for a cocktail? There's not much on the official menu — instead, you give the barkeep a general idea ("gin," say, or "something summery") and he'll whip something up.

And remember, the Passenger is opening a back bar/cocktail laboratory early next year, so make plans to come back and experiment.

Southern Comfort

Eatonville (2121 14th St. NW), the upscale Southern eatery that extends the 14th Street strip ever further into Columbia Heights, offers an array of \$5 specialty cocktails every weeknight from 5 to 7 p.m. It's sweet, it's simple and, yes, you can get sweet potato fries with that.

A Winner Never Quits

Clint Eastwood talks 'Invictus,' his future with acting and his next big birthday

Film

No figure in American film has had quite the third act of Clint Eastwood. With such movies as "Mystic River," "Letters From Iwo Jima" and "Gran Torino," he has consolidated a reputation as one of the finest directors working today. The Hollywood Reporter recently spoke with him about his new film, "Invictus," about then-South African President Nelson Mandela's experiences during the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

How did you first hear about the project?

Morgan Freeman called me and told me he had a good script. So, I read it and find out it's about Nelson Mandela, whom I've always been curious about. I called Morgan back and said, "Yes, I'd love to do this." I was just entranced. [South Africa was] on the verge of civil war, and [Mandela] could have pulled the trigger. It took a very creative person to come to grips with this. And it shows how creative even a politician could be.

How did Freeman's automobile accident affect the shoot?

Well, he had a few aches and pains, but probably Mr. Mandela has a



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Clint Eastwood's film "Invictus," about Nelson Mandela, hits theaters this Friday.

few, too. But we didn't delay the shoot: We started the preparation toward the end of last year and filmed in March and April and came back in May.

You said during the run-up to "Gran Torino" that it might be

your last film as an actor. Is that still your thinking?

Probably. But I've said that before — I said it after "Million Dollar Baby" as well. This was always the plan; back when I did "Play Misty for Me" almost 40 years ago, [it] was the idea that someday when

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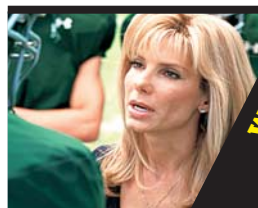
Eastwood says getting the rugby in "Invictus" to look accurate was the hardest part of the filmmaking. "We had Chester Williams, who was on the 1995 team, as our coach, and Francois Pienaar, who Matt Damon was portraying, come out a few times. But they actually had to play rugby: You can't fake rugby. And it's a really rough sport."

I didn't want to act anymore or wasn't in demand, I'd be able to direct films.

Do you have any plans for your 80th birthday?

[I told my wife], "Please, no birthday things! I don't need to pretend to open a gift and say, 'This is just what I wanted!'" I said, "Don't get me anything. We'll just have a glass of wine." Seventy-nine is not so bad. I might savor it for a while.

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Compiled by Fiona Zublin. For more upcoming events, follow the Top Stops blog at expressnightout.com/topstops.



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1 He's Got Rhythm
Raphael Saadiq is keeping the flame of classic R&B well-tended. If you were 15, you might put his tunes on a mix CD titled "In the Mood" and give it to whoever you had a crush on. Since you're an adult, you can appreciate his musical stylings live at his concert tonight. **F.Z. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$35; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

2 Theater On the Run
"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind" is a collection of ever-changing, lightning-fast skits performed in random order. There's no plot, but you get the thrill of knowing you're one of a very few who will ever see a particular sketch before it's replaced. **F.Z. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; through Jan. 2, \$30; 202-393-3939, Woollymammoth.net. (Gallery Place)**

3 Get Down With History
The Library of Congress is honoring the Motown record company's 50th anniversary with a series of Monday night films. Catch tonight's, "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today and Forever," a concert film featuring a moon-walking Michael Jackson and a performance by the Supremes, left. **F.Z. Mary Pickford Theater, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Mondays through Dec. 14, free; 202-707-5677, Loc.gov. (Capitol South)**



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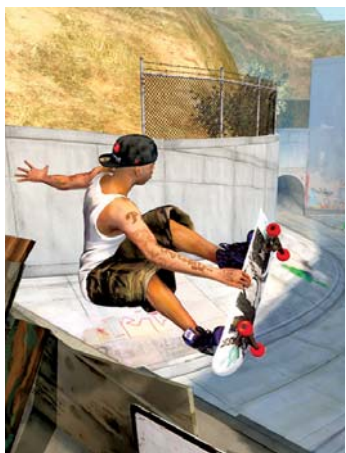
A Silky-Smooth Skate

Tony Hawk's 'Ride' is refreshingly slick and uber-realistic

Video Games

"Tony Hawk: Ride" is a groundbreaking video game that fits right in with the namesake skating legend's no-rough-edges appeal. It's a silky-smooth experience with an inventive wireless skate deck controller and a friendly learning curve.

The controller board feels like a real skateboard, not some plastic toy (which it essentially is). The top surface feels like grip tape. The nose and tail slope up gently, like the cut and contour of a modern deck. Motion sensor panels are located at the front, back and sides of the board.



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Tony Hawk: Ride
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The game unfolds into daunting rides around and over obstacles, through dry riverbeds in Los Angeles and in other world locales. There are trick sessions to challenge your balance and speed sessions in

which you'll need to beat the clock to advance to the next level or unlock new trucks and wheels with which to outfit your deck.

The basic ollie maneuver is the most important one to master in this game. You'll need it in the street skating areas to hop up on benches and rails to grind for extra "style" points, and you'll need it on speed runs because, well, things get in the way.

All told, "Tony Hawk: Ride" is a very well-thought-out advancement in gaming technology. The board feels real under your feet. The character response on-screen is stylish and accurate. The graphics are polished.

With this game, Tony Hawk is now firmly entrenched as the most dependable brand in skateboarding. With this namesake game, Hawk soars again. **RON HARRIS (AP)**

Celebrity Vanity Project**Scent of a Double Standard**

Steamy TV love scenes apparently don't faze him, but posing with a model in ads for his new perfume, **Patrick Dempsey II**, gave him the heebies. "I'm married. That's not something I want to project," he told People.com. Instead, ads for the Avon fragrance (\$30, Avon.com) feature his wife, Avon employee Jillian Dempsey. Oddly, Jillian (who's quite the fox, truth be told) is shown with her back to the camera — perhaps ad execs figured it's best not to inflict the non-famous on the tender eyeballs of consumers. (EXPRESS)

Metro Notes



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If an extension is granted by the IRS, Metro may have up to one year to comply with the federal mandate.

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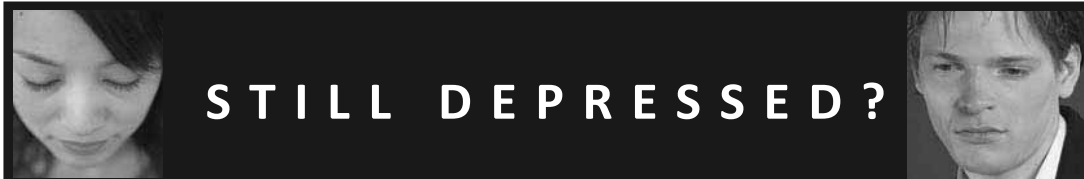
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Norwegian Good

Håkon Kornstad shows off his sax at the Kennedy Center

Music

No matter the setting, Håkon Kornstad is a master of mood. The Norwegian saxophonist first garnered praise a decade ago for his electronica-steeped jazz band Wibutee, and subsequently for a string of trio, duo and solo recordings that have displayed his immense skills in musical environments that have ranged from all-out skronk to the most melodic ambient.

His second solo album, "Dwell Time," is a deep-listening disc, recorded live in the Sofienberg Church in Oslo. The eight improvisations feature Kornstad's building beautiful drift-jazz sculptures by looping melody lines using electronics, and then layering the sounds to create a warm and enveloping atmosphere.

"I think the biggest difficulty in playing a [solo] concert is letting loose," said Kornstad, 32. "Surrender yourself from everything you're thinking of, or working with, and try to reset and get into the groove of the room and the audience you're with."

On Monday — in a duo performance with bassist and fellow Norwegian Ingebrigt Håker Flaten — Kornstad will try to find a groove in the Kennedy Center's Theater Lab. In 2008, the two-some released the gorgeous "Elise"



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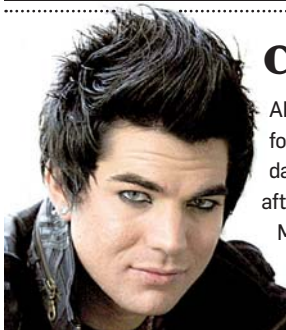
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CD, which featured seven obscure Norwegian folk songs that Flaten's grandmother collected and then recorded in the '70s.

"Recording 'Elise' was one of my most special moments as a musician so far," Kornstad said, "because we did it in an old castle in Sweden — and the mood there was incredible." Of course it was. **CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)**

• **Kennedy Center, Theater Lab, 2700 F St. NW; Mon., 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**

TV Beat



Consolation Prize

ABC says **Adam Lambert** will appear and perform on its daytime talk show "The View" Thursday. The announcement comes almost two weeks after Lambert's racy performance at the American Music Awards, which led to his being axed from an appearance on ABC's "Good Morning America." He was subsequently dropped from two other ABC shows, too. **(AP)**

TV tonight **lookout****Best Bets****A&E
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Intervention Meet Greg, who had a thriving business until a disabling back injury led him into a dependence on pain medication, resulting in the loss of his work and a newfound gambling habit. Greg has gone into bankruptcy and is left with little except a family that wants its father back.

**NBC
8:00**

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit When a boy is set on fire, the detectives end up at Blessed Heart High School, where they discover a group of teenage girls in a pregnancy pact.

**CW
9:00**

Gossip Girl A serious car accident rocks the Upper East Side as Chuck grapples with an issue from the past on the anniversary of Bart Bass' death. Dan and Vanessa feel their way through their newly complicated friendship.

**BRAVO
10:00**

Million Dollar Listing Josh tries to move a half-demolished home but winds up being lambasted by a buyer's agent. Chad thinks he is listing a house for a friend but gets a painful firsthand lesson in how serious the foreclosure problem has become. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

A Midlife Bromance

Ray Romano broods with dudes on 'Men of a Certain Age'

Series Premiere

TNT 10:00 Ray Romano isn't really into bromances.

While his first series since "Everybody Loves Raymond" centers on three emotionally flustered middle-age male pals, the 51-year-old actor-comedian insists he's not as candid with his real-life buddies back home in Queens, N.Y.

"We are as close as these guys, but I don't think we open up as much," he says.

The wry everyman is trading his quippy persona from "Raymond" for a sad-eyed party store owner named Joe, who is suffering through divorce and a gambling addiction, on TNT's new drame-



Scott Bakula, Ray Romano and Andre Braugher are TNT's "Men of a Certain Age."

dy, "Men of a Certain Age" (premiering tonight at 10).

To play Joe's best friends, Romano enlisted Scott Bakula, the charming sci-fi leading man from "Quantum Leap," and Andre Braugher, whose tour de force performances on "Homicide: Life on

the Street" won him an Emmy Award for outstanding actor. Like Joe, they are men who are dealing with muddled, mid-life crises.

"You're taking a chance," Bakula says, "because there's never been a show like this before."

DERRIK J. LANG (AP)



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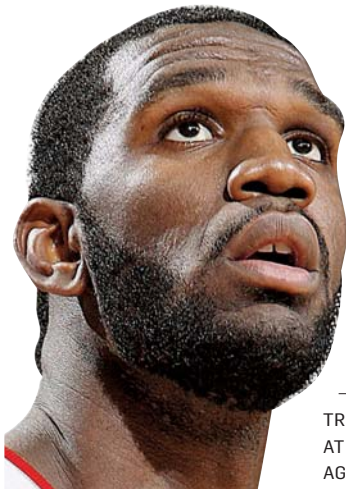
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone is looking to you for guidance where there has been none in recent days. Don't believe for a moment that you're the only one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have to work quickly to overcome a sudden restriction that has been placed on you by someone who has a different agenda.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The risks you may have to take must not keep you from stepping forward and doing what only you know how to do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be too possessive, especially when youngsters are concerned. Let them experiment as freely as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone who has only recently won your respect and approval is likely to step up and help you address a complex situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A recently formed alliance is put to the test, but under your leadership things can progress without anyone's feeling threatened in any way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focus on issues of security and safety — at the workplace and at home. You don't want to feel you're not taken care of.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone close to you is likely to provide that one piece of info that makes the difference between success and failure at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be facing something of a setback until you realize that what you haven't done can keep things from stalling entirely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The technology that helps you so much may actually short — because the issue most prevalent is one so deeply personal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You want things to be experienced fully, not partially — and a loved one can give you just what you need at this time.

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 RACK 1

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Yesterday's Solution

A ₁	D ₂	D ₂	L ₁	I ₁	N ₁	G ₂
M ₃	O ₁	S ₁	A ₁	I ₁	C ₃	
D ₂	E ₁	P ₃	L ₁	A ₁	N ₁	E ₁
U ₁	N ₁	C ₃	L ₁	A ₁	M ₃	P ₃

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 RACK 1 = 60
 RACK 2 = 10
 RACK 3 = 63
 RACK 4 = 89
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FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

EASY

4		5				9		1
		8	2		7	5		
	6						2	
		9	6		1	8		
5			8		4			7
		4	7		9	2		
	5						4	
		6	5		3	1		
2		1				7		5

Friday's Solution

3	1	4	9	6	2	8	7	5
7	2	9	3	8	5	6	4	1
5	6	8	1	7	4	2	9	3
6	3	2	8	9	1	7	5	4
9	4	7	5	3	6	1	8	2
1	8	5	4	2	7	9	3	6
4	7	3	2	1	9	5	6	8
2	5	6	7	4	8	3	1	9
8	9	1	6	5	3	4	2	7

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Forecast

46 | 35

Today: Rather cloudy today and tonight.

45 | 36

Tomorrow: Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow. Occasional rain tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

WED	THU	FRI
46 38	45 26	45 30

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:13 a.m.
 Sunset today: 4:46 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 11:03 p.m.
 Moonset today: 11:29 a.m.

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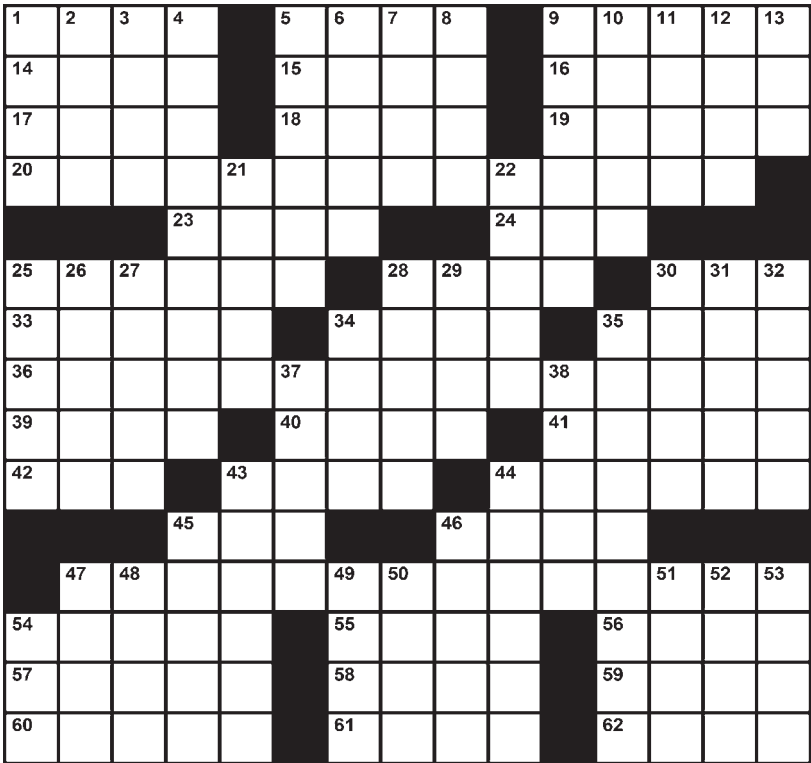
STRIKE A CHORD

ACROSS

- 1 Piece of chewing tobacco
- 5 Mail delivery org.
- 9 Like a brand-new dollar bill
- 14 Croissant, for one
- 15 Distillery mixture
- 16 Be an omen (of)
- 17 Smoker in Sicily?
- 18 Galileo's hometown
- 19 Male bee
- 20 Brenda Russell hit song
- 23 What shifty eyes do
- 24 Need medical attention
- 25 Dissolved substance
- 28 One way to gain interest?
- 30 "Enter the Dragon" star
- 33 American chameleon
- 34 Brownish purple
- 35 Kind of loser
- 36 Change of heart?
- 39 ____-do-well
- 40 Critic's positive review
- 41 Lace Junior's shoes, e.g.
- 42 Mag. execs
- 43 Quaintly attractive
- 44 Ritually pure
- 45 It may have a big head
- 46 Sketch of a person, for short
- 47 Portable storage containers
- 54 Aberdeen folk
- 55 Etching fluid
- 56 "The Thinker," for one
- 57 Violent spasm
- 58 Break the news
- 59 Mouth widener
- 60 Birthday units
- 61 Nero's "being"
- 62 Rectangular paving stone

DOWN

- 1 Ready for surgery, for short
- 2 "An Iceland Fisherman" author Pierre
- 3 Radius companion
- 4 Of the endocrine system



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- 5 Decision-maker at home?
- 6 John, Paul or George, but not Ringo
- 7 Sibillant summons
- 8 Ruler toppled in 1973
- 9 Golf bag carrier
- 10 Mayberryesque
- 11 Russian-born composer Stravinsky
- 12 Like pocketed pool balls
- 13 Palm model
- 21 Made from a common grain
- 22 Spots for house martin nests
- 25 Lyon river
- 26 "No Turn ____"
- 27 Theater boxes
- 28 Smooth

- 29 Teen-y problem?
- 30 Averse
- 31 Orange-skinned Muppet
- 32 "Abandon hope, all ye who ____ here"
- 34 Fall lead-in?
- 35 Premeal prayers
- 37 "____ words were never spoken"
- 38 Smoking gun
- 43 "Yours truly" and others
- 44 Arouse, as interest
- 45 All the stage is his world
- 46 More than simmers
- 47 Be heartsick
- 48 "The Last of the Mohicans" heroine
- 49 Go out with

- 50 Sorbet relatives
- 51 Act the femme fatale
- 52 Abridge, maybe
- 53 Forwarded
- 54 Cleanup target

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1787 Delaware becomes the first state to ratify the United States Constitution.

1941 Japanese air forces attack the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

1982 Convicted murderer Charlie Brooks becomes the first U.S. prisoner executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.

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**HONORS****Well, Angelina Jolie Can't Win Every Year**

Nicolas Cage has won a U.N. award for his humanitarian work and has been appointed a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented Cage with the U.N. Correspondents Association's Global Citizen of the Year award for humanitarian endeavors. Cage said his role will be "to shine a spotlight on the need for global justice." (EXPRESS)

AILING**Billy Joel's Daughter Ill After Pill Overdose**

Alexa Ray Joel, daughter of Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley, was hospitalized after taking eight pills at her Manhattan apartment Saturday. It wasn't clear whether Joel, 23, had accidentally overdosed or attempted suicide, a law enforcement official said. Sources told People.com that Joel was released Sunday and that she may have been upset about a boy. (AP)



"[My daughter] is going to be fine," Billy Joel told Newsday on Saturday night.

Creepy Couplings**They're All Together Ooky**

Evan Rachel Wood and Marilyn Manson are back together, if a Manson interview in Metal Hammer is to be believed. "Me being at my best is what I need to be. ... I think that has really paid off because I'm back with Evan," he told the magazine. The pair dated from 2006 to 2008, with a brief reunion in early 2009, said Usmagazine.com. (EXPRESS)



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BABIES**Pretty People Breed**

"Julie and Julia" actress Amy Adams and her fiancé, Darren Legallo, are expecting their first child, her representative told Usmagazine.com. The pair, who met in an acting class, have been together for seven years and engaged for one; no wedding date has been set. "I probably won't have a big family," Adams said previously. "But I do want to have a family." (EXPRESS)

**AILING****Rivers Cuomo Minorly Injured in Bus Crash**

Rivers Cuomo, frontman of Weezer, was injured in a bus crash Sunday, CNN reported. Cuomo, who reported rib pain, and another passenger were hospitalized; Cuomo's wife and daughter, and a fifth passenger were unhurt. The driver of the bus says the back end of the bus slid on ice, crossed the median, hit some posts, jumped a guard-rail and landed in a ditch. (EXPRESS)

"Strangely enough, I love putting clothes in the washing machine. And I quite like ironing shirts."



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